

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 3, 2006

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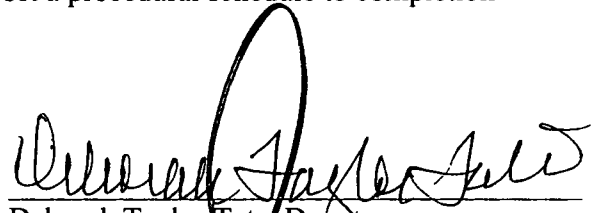
APPLICATION OF BRISTOL TENNESSEE ESSENTIAL
SERVICES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE
COMPETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
WITHIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

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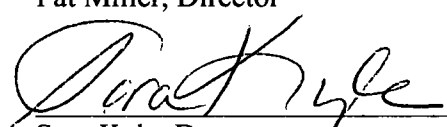
ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Director Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on October 17, 2005 for consideration of the *Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Telecommunications Services* filed on September 12, 2005 by Bristol Tennessee Essential Services. On September 30, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a *Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Leave to Intervene*, and on October 5, 2005, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. filed a *Petition to Intervene* in this matter. During the October 17, 2005 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this matter to rule on the interventions once responses are filed, to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Director


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director